

Amendments to the Claims:

1 (Currently amended): A system for notifying a subscriber about an event, comprising:
a plurality of voice mail switches, wherein each voice mail switch is configured to receive an event and ~~an~~ a mailbox identifier associated with the event; and

a notification server, coupled to the plurality of voice mail switches, wherein the notification server ~~that~~ is configured to perform actions including:

obtaining a personal unique identifier (PUID) that identifies a notification channel
and a subscriber identifier for the subscriber registered with the notification server,
wherein the PUID ~~and~~ maps the subscriber identifier to a plurality of mailbox identifiers,
wherein at least one of the plurality of mailbox identifiers is associated with a different
voice mail switch than the other of the plurality of mailbox identifiers;

receiving an event and ~~an~~ a mailbox identifier from at least one of the plurality of
voice mail switches;

correlating the mailbox identifier associated with the event with the PUID,
wherein the PUID identifies the subscriber identifier and the notification channel ~~that~~
identifies the subscriber registered with the notification server;

generating an alert; and

sending the alert to the subscriber indicating that the event occurred according to
the notification channel indicated by the PUID.

2 (Original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the alert includes an event reference that
links the subscriber to the event such that the subscriber can retrieve the event through a web
portal view associated with a URL.

3 (Currently amended): The system of Claim 1, wherein the notification server is
further configured to generate the PUID ~~a personal unique identifier (PUID)~~ associated with the
subscriber identifier.

4-5 (Cancelled)

6 (Original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a web service interface that is configured to allow the subscriber to register to receive the alert.

7 (Currently amended): The system of Claim 6, wherein the web service interface is further configured to allow the subscriber to designate at least one notification channel destination where the alert is sent.

8 (Original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the notification server is further configured to log the event after the alert is generated.

9 (Currently amended): The system of Claim 1, wherein the notification server is further configured to determine if the subscriber has registered to receive the alert, the notification server logging an attempt to correlate the mailbox identifier with the subscriber identifier and discarding the event when the mailbox identifier does not correlate to the subscriber identifier.

10 (Currently amended): The system of Claim 1, wherein the mailbox identifier is a telephone number associated with the event.

11 (Original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the event is at least one of: a voice mail message, a stock price, a sports score, a product delivery message, a fax, and telephone billing information.

12 (Original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the voicemail switch comprises a data store for storing the events.

13 (Currently amended): A method for notifying a subscriber about an event, comprising:

receiving an event and an identifier associated with the event at one of a plurality of voice mail switches;

forwarding the event and the identifier to a notification server associated with the plurality of voice mail switches;

generating, on the notification server, a personal unique identifier (PUID) that identifies a subscriber registered with the notification server, a registered mailbox, and a notification channel and maps to a plurality of identifiers, wherein at least one of the plurality of identifiers is associated with a different voice mail switch than the other of the plurality of identifiers;

correlating the identifier associated with the event to the registered mailbox in order to identify the PUID with the PUID that identifies the subscriber registered with the notification server;

generating an alert; and

sending the alert to the subscriber indicating that the event occurred in accordance with the identified notification channel.

14 (Original): The method of Claim 13, further comprising:

linking the subscriber to the event through a network via a URL; and

retrieving the event through a web portal view that is associated with the URL.

15 (Cancelled)

16 (Previously presented): The method of Claim 13, further comprising determining if the subscriber is registered to receive the alert.

17 (Previously presented): The method of Claim 13, further comprising logging the event.

18 (Previously presented): The method of Claim 13, further comprising:

logging an attempt to correlate the identifier with the subscriber; and

discarding the event when the identifier does not correlate to the subscriber.

19 (Currently amended): The method of Claim 13, wherein sending the alert further comprises sending the alert to at least one destination designated by the notification channel subscriber.

20-21 (Cancelled)

22 (New): A computer-implemented method for notifying a subscriber about an event, the method comprising:

receiving mailbox registration information for a plurality of mailboxes, wherein at least one of the plurality of mailboxes is associated with a different messaging switch than the other of the plurality of mailboxes;

receiving user registration information, wherein the user registration information includes a subscriber identifier and at least one delivery channel;

storing, on a notification server, the mailbox registration information and the user registration information, wherein a personal unique identifier (PUID) is generated on the notification server to correlate the mailbox registration information with the user registration information;

receiving, on the notification server, a message event association with a mailbox identifier that identifies at least one of the plurality of mailboxes associated with the mailbox registration information;

matching, on the notification server, the mailbox identifier to the mailbox registration information to identify the generated PUID associated with the mailbox registration information;

accessing the user registration information associated with the generated PUID to identify the at least one delivery channel associated with the user registration information;

generating an alert on the notification server that identifies the messaging event; and

sending the alert via the at least one communication channel indicated in the user registration information that is identified by the generated PUID.

23 (New): The computer-implemented method of claim 22, wherein the mailbox identifier is matched to a second generated PUID that correlates second mailbox registration information with second user registration information, wherein a second alert is sent via at least one communication channel indicated in the second user registration information that is indicated by the second generated PUID.

24 (New): The computer-implemented method of claim 22, further comprising:
receiving, on the notification server, a plurality of message events association with a plurality of mailbox identifiers, wherein each of the plurality of mailbox identifiers identifies at least one of the plurality of mailboxes associated with the mailbox registration information;
matching, on the notification server, the mailbox identifiers to the mailbox registration information to identify the generated PUID associated with the mailbox registration information;
accessing the user registration information associated with the generated PUID to identify a delivery channel associated with the user registration information;
generating a plurality of alerts on the notification server wherein each of the plurality of alerts identifies one of the plurality of message events; and
sending the plurality of alerts via the delivery channel indicated in the user registration information that is identified by the generated PUID.

25 (New): The computer-implemented method of claim 22, wherein the notification server bridges a web server interface and the at least one of the plurality of mailboxes, wherein the notification server does not have access to subscriber information and a telephone carrier associated with a messaging switch does not have access to the generated PUID.